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GRANARY, SOMERSET (COLLINS HOUSE)
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Owner: United States Farm Security Administration

Date of erection: Early nineteenth century

Present condition: Dilapidated

Builder: Josiah Collins

Description:

The present building is a complex composed of several additions to an original structure which probably occupies the southeast corner. This one section has a brick end laid in English bond which extends half the depth of the east side. The rest of the building is of frame, the structure being composed of enormous timbers as large as 12 by 12 and in some cases bolted together so that three timbers abut each other to form posts. This is caused by the method of framing the additions.

The building is three stories high below a hip-on-gambrel roof. The fenestration is irregular except on the south front, where there are four openings regularly spaced on each floor. Originally these were closed by grilles of horizontal wood bars and shutters, but most of these have disappeared.

The building must be considered as one of the most interesting examples of timber framing in the country.

Reference: See Somerset (Collins House), HABS No. NC-23.

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